

# National Council of Women of Victoria



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## President's Report April 2013

*'Leadership is action and not a position.'* (Donald Mc Gannon)

### International Women's Day 2013

What a great success the March 4 International Women's Day event was at the Parliament. Legacy Victoria is very keen to keep this event going on an annual basis.

### NCWV Office relocating ... soon

More good news is that the office of National Council of Women of Victoria will be back in the city by mid-year. The arrangement with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria will enable the use of office space during normal office hours and a meeting space for Executive and Advisers meetings.

### Ending Violence Against Women and Children

NCW Victoria's Respect Brochure has been extremely well received by other Non Government Organisations. We hope to have a formal launch of the brochure in June. While in New York for the 57th annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Status of Women held March 4-15, one of Victorian women I met, who was very interested in the brochure, was Dr Manjula O'Connor, Director of Australasian Centre for Human Rights and Health. She is also founder of a taskforce working against Domestic Violence within the Indian community). After this positive support, I'm even more determined that we must have sufficient funds to start the seminars and group meetings associated with the brochure.

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## **Recipe Book**

‘A Cultural Indulgence’ our NCWV recipe book is a key element in raising funds for our work against violence and in supporting migrant and refugee Victorian women and their families. Quotes have been obtained and we will have pre-order forms available soon. Our hope is to have sufficient funds in hand to cover publication costs so that all sales will go towards our Respect Brochure campaign. A sub-committee of the Executive chaired by Freda Kaufman is also working on sale of advertising space with the help of Emily Lee D’Cruz. At the March Executive meeting a minutes of thanks was recorded to Rysia Rozen OAM for her outstanding support for the NCWV recipe book fundraising project.

## **Year of Water Cooperation**

2013 is the United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation. Our May Forum on this topic will be on Saturday May 4 at RMIT. There is no charge for this event but please register today so we have an idea of numbers.

## **NCW news**

My report on the New York conference CSW 57 “ Violence Against Women and Children” will be available on the NCWV website.

The next meeting of the NCWA Board is by teleconference on April 8. President Julie Morris has asked for information about our experience with Paid Parental Leave to assist with a submission. See below

Welcome to Guest speaker at April Council Dr Nouria Salehi OAM!

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